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SUBJECT: VIOLENCE UPDATE NO 4
1. C-ENTIRE TEXT.
2. SUMMARY: THERE WERE 9 MURDERS IN JAMAICA DURING THE REPOTING PERIOD JULY 30 AUGUST 5. IN ADDITION 6 PEOPLE WERE KILLED BY THE SECURITY FORCES. THE POLICE DISCOVERED TWO AUTOMATIC WEAPONS IN SEARCHES DURING THE WEEK; ONE M-1 SUBMACHINE GUN AND AN AK-47 THE WEEK WAS MARKED BY UNUSUAL CALM, RESULTING FROM THE RECENT EFFORTS TO REDUCE POLITICAL TENSION AND PREOCCUPATION WITH HURRICANE ALLEN. END SUMMARY:
3. JULY 3- AUGUST 5
A. TOTAL NUMER OF REPORTED MURDERS 9
B. SUSPECTED POLITICALLY MOTIVATED MURDERS 0
C. SUSPECTED CRIMINALLY MOTIVATED MURDERS 1
L. MURDERS OF UNKNOWN MOTIVATION 8
IN ADDITION 6 PEOPLE WERE REPORTEDLY KILLED BY THE SECURITY

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FORCES DURING THE REPORTING PERIOD. (THESE STATISTICS ARE FROM THE DAILY GLEANER WHICH REPORTS INFORMATION FROM THE POLICE INFORMATION CENTER (PIC)
4. SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS
A. ON JULY 30 IN A BATTLE WITH 7 GUNMEN, THE POLICE KILLED TWO AND CAPTURED A M-1 30 CALIBER SUBMACHINE GUN (ALLEDLY MANUFACTURED BY UNIVERSAL OF HIALEAH, FLORIDA)
B. ON THE SAME DAY, SECURITY FORCES SEARCHED THE CAMPAIGN OFFICES OF WEST CENTRALKINGSTON MP. CARL THOMPSON AND CONFISCATED A TEAR GAS GRENADE, A SMALL QUANTITY OF AMMUNITION AND A LIST OF POLICEMEN FAVORABLY DISPOSED TO THE JLP. A SIMILAR SEARCH OF HIS JLP OPPONENTS OFFICE FAILED TO TURN UP ANY ILLEGAL MATERIALS.
C. ON JULY 31 POLICE SEARCHED A VILLA IN RUNAWAY BAY WHICH REPORTEDLDY HAD BEEN USED BY CUBANS ATTENDING THE

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ANTI IMPERIALIST SEMINAR. THEY FOUND A NEW SOVIET TYPE AK-47 ASSAULT RIFLE IN A CARRYING CASE AND SEVERAL LOADED MAGAZINES THE ANTI PNP DAILY GLEANER GAVE FRONT PAGE COVERAGE TO THE STORY. COMPLETE WITH PHOTOGRAPHS OF THE CAPTURED WEAPON.

D. ON JULY 31 PRIME MINISTER MANLEY AND OPPOSITION LEADER EDWARD SEAGA MET AND ISSUED A SECOND JOINT STATEMENT CONDEMINING POLITICAL VIOLENCE. BOTH RESTATED THEIR SUPPORT FCR THE JAMAICAN SECURITY FORCES. THE STATEMENT NOTED THAT AJOINT PNP JLP MONITORING COMMITTEE HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO CARRY OUT A PUBLIC RELATIONS CAMPAIGN TO PROMOTE POLITICAL PEACE AMONG FOLLOWERS OF BOTH PARTIES AND THAT A JOINT PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE ON NATIONAL SECURITY WILL SOON MEET TO ADDRESS THE POLITICAL VIOLENCE PROBLEMS. MANLEY AND SEAGA WILL CONTINUE TO MEET FROM TIME TO TIME DURING THE CAMPAIGN.

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E. WEILE SECURITY FORCES CONTINUE THEIR OPERATIONS TO COUNTER VIOLENCE THE FREQUENCY OF CURFEW HAS DECLINED IN THE PAST WEEK.

5. COMMENT. IT APPEARS THAT JAMAICA IS EXPERIENCING A LULL IN THE POLITICAL VIOLENCE THAT HAS BECOME COMMONPLACE IN RECENT MONTHS. THE JOINT EFFORTS OF THE LEADERS OF TWO PARTIES, INCREASED ACTIVITIY BY THE ARMY AND POLICE AND, IN THE LAST SEVERLA DAYS. THE VIRTUALLY TOTAL PRE-OCCUPATION OF THE ISLAND WITH HURRICANE ALLEN LIE BEHIND THIS DEVELOPMENT. HOWEVER, THE TRADITION OF POLITICAL VIOLENCE THE AVAILABILITY OF GUNS AND THE HIGH STAKES INVOLVED IN THE ELECTIONS MAKE IT UNLIKELY THAT THE CURRENT PEACE WILL HOLD FOR MORE THAN SEVERL WEEKS.

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